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Identical letters dated 20 April 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit herewith a complaint against Israel, which, on 18 April 2012, started building a new road in the Shab'a Farms area (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 20 April 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 18 April 2012, a letter was received from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon stating that as of that date, and for several days thereafter, the Israeli enemy would be building a new road in the occupied Shab'a Farms area, from its base N471 in Ruwaysat al-Alam to the Birkat al-Naqqar gate opposite base 4-7c of the Indian contingent in south Shab'a. The road will run south of the Blue Line and is intended to facilitate transport along the Line. On its completion, the Israeli enemy will lay barbed wire between the road and the Line in the area with regard to which Lebanon maintains a claim.

Israeli enemy bulldozers began work at UTM coordinates 753850-691100.

This violation is an encroachment on occupied Lebanese territory under the Fourth Geneva Convention, which governs the actions of the occupying army on occupied territory. It also infringes Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), paragraph 10, which requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to deal with the Shab'a Farms area.

Lebanon requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to prevail on Israel to halt work immediately and restore the status quo ante.